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SUBJECT: AFGHAN FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS JAKARTA

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1. AFGHAN FOREIGN MINISTER WAHEED ABDULLAH VISITED
JAKARTA APRIL 8-11 TO DISCUSS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER
MOCHTAR KUSUMAATMADJA AND OTHER GOI OFFICIALS PREPARATIONS
FOR THE CONFERENCE OF THE NON-BLOC COORDINATION BUREAU
TO BE HELD IN KABUL MAY 8-11. ABDULLAH'S VISIT COINCIDED
WITH THAT OF THE CUBAN DELEGATION REPORTED REFTEL.

2. WHILE THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION ON BILATERAL MATTERS
SUCH AS AN IMPENDING CULTURAL AGREEMENT, ACCORDING TO
A FOREIGN DEPARTMENT SOURCE, THE TALKS FOCUSED PRIMARILY
ON NAM ISSUES -- PARTICULARLY THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE
HORN OF AFRICA.
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3. ON THE MIDDLE EAST, THE TWO SIDES AGREED TO A COMMON
POSITION THAT CALLS FOR AN IMMEDIATE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL
FROM SOUTH LEBANON, A RETURN TO THE PRE-1967 BORDERS AND
A PALESTINIAN HOMELAND.

4. MORE INTERESTING AND A BIT UNEXPECTED, ACCORDING TO

THE FOREIGN DEPARTMENT SOURCE, IS THEIR AGREEMENT THAT CUBA'S INVOLVEMENT IN ETHIOPIA IS INAPPROPRIATE FOR A NON-BLOC MEMBER. ACCORDINGLY, THE TWO SIDES HAVE REPORTEDLY AGREED TO REQUEST CUBA'S WITHDRAWAL. THEY ARE ALSO CALLING FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF OTHER "FOREIGN POWERS" FROM WHAT IS NOW ESSENTIALLY AN INTERNAL AFFAIR OF AN AFRICAN COUNTRY.

5. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF CUBA'S APPARENT SENSITIVITY TO NON-BLOC VIEWS -- GIVEN ITS KEENESS FOR EXAMPLE TO "REACTIVATE" RELATIONS WITH INDONESIA (SEE REFTEL) -- THE AFGHANISTAN-INDONESIA AGREEMENT TO RAISE, IN MAY 1978 NON-BLOCK MEETING, THE QUESTION OF CUBA'S ROLE IN ETHIOPIA COULD LEAD TO SOME INTERESTING RAMIFICATIONS.
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